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jobs turned out by them? Do the boards maintain any paid officials and are the expenses incurred in maintaining them met by the State Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, I have already said the expenditure on the organization is Rs. 58,000 per annum and it is met by the State Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Are this Government getting any subsidy from the Government of India for maintaining this organization because most of the soldiers and sailors have served under the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the administration of this organization is carried on in co-ordination with the employment organization of the Government of India."

Village vaidyas

* 1804 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Training School for Village Vaidyas at Tanjore will be re-opened?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The training centre at Tanjore will be re-opened from the 11th April 1955."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Thank you, Sir."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that there are a large number of village vaidyas who have qualified themselves as village vaidyas and have not been absorbed in any of the rural dispensaries in the State? That being so, why should Government think of re-opening the training centre at Tanjore? Are the Government convinced that these village vaidyas possess adequate knowledge in treating at least minor diseases at least? If it is so, why have they not been absorbed in service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a representation was made for re-opening the centre which was working at Tanjore and closed a short time ago. This year 24 candidates belonging to Tanjore and adjoining district have applied for admission to this centre."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" There is a saying in Tamil that a person who kills about a thousand persons will become only half a village vaidya. Is it the intention of the Government that such persons should be engaged as village vaidyas? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" These village vaidyas are already practising in villages. This is just to give them a little more training."